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Council Action Summary November 2006

November 13, 2006

Approved on second reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee Agreement by and between Beaufort County and [Project Panther], its affiliates and assigns, to provide for a fee in lieu of *ad valorem* taxes incentive, including the grant of certain infrastructure credits, the inclusion of the Company's property in a Multi-County Park, and other matters related thereto.

Approved on first reading, by title only, an ordinance authorizing an amendment to the Master Park Agreement governing the Multi-County Industrial/Business Park by and between Beaufort County, South Carolina and Jasper County, South Carolina, in order to expand the boundaries of the Park to include certain properties owned by [Project Panther].

Approved on second reading an ordinance finding that Hilton Head Island No. 1 Public Service District may issue not exceeding \$12,500,000 general obligation bonds and to provide for the publication of notice of the said finding and authorization. The funds will be used for the purpose of constructing a three-million gallon per day reverse osmosis water treatment plant to increase their ability to bring water to their customer base.

Approved on first reading, by title only, an ordinance adopting Impact Fees Intergovernmental Agreements between Beaufort County and the Town of Bluffton, Town of Hilton Head Island, Town of Port Royal, and Town of Hardeeville.

Approved on first reading, by title only, an ordinance to amend the Business License Rate Structure.

Approved on first reading, by title only, an ordinance formally terminating the designation of the Lady's Island Tax Increment Financing District.

Held a public hearing and approved on second reading a proposed Illegal Immigration Relief Ordinance, n/k/a/ Lawful Employment Ordinance. The ordinance version is entitled, "Fifth Draft Proposal."

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Adopted a resolution (i) imploring and urging President George W. Bush and the Executive Branch of the United States Government and the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives (Congress) to strongly enforce the United States Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. §1101 *et seq.* and to approve into law any amendments necessary to further address our citizens' concerns about the negative impact our porous borders are having on our national security and the quality of life in our cities and in our states and nation; (ii) that the United States Congress and particularly our Congressional Delegation from the State of South Carolina, the Honorable Lindsey Graham, the Honorable Jim DeMint, the Honorable Joe Wilson, the Honorable James Clyburn, the Honorable Henry Brown, the Honorable Bob Inglis, the Honorable John Spratt, the Honorable J. Gresham Barrett, exert all of their combined wisdom, strength, influence, and dedication to the Rule of Law to see that a meaningful amended "Act" is expeditiously approved that addresses the many concerns of the citizens of Beaufort County and of this state and nation; and (iii) that a copy of this resolution with an accompanying letter signed by the Chairman and each member of the Beaufort County Council be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States; to the Honorable Congressional Delegation of the State of South Carolina; to the Honorable Mark Sanford, Governor of the State of South Carolina; and all members of the General Assembly, all County, Municipal, and School District offices in the State of South Carolina.

Approved a change order in the amount of \$108,226 for a traffic signal at McCracken Circle and Buckwalter Parkway.

Approved a change order in the amount of \$87,427.46 to Malphrus Construction Company for the installation of a service road and a turnaround for emergency vehicles, and upgrades and design changes to irrigation and water systems.

Awarded a contract to M.A.R. Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$106,000 for roof replacement of the Bluffton Recreation Center Gym.

Awarded a contract to Alphanumeric (a small and minority business) in the amount of \$52,595.55 to upgrade the existing CISCO Core Switch that was originally purchased in 2000.

Approved on second reading text amendments to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (Appendix A, Airport Overlay District) necessary to bring the ordinance in compliance with the recommendations of the Joint Land Use Study (JULES).

Approved on second reading an ordinance to amend the Business License Rate Structure.

Approved on second reading an ordinance formally terminating the designation of the Lady's Island Tax Increment Financing District.

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Approved on second reading an ordinance authorizing an amendment to the Master Park Agreement governing the Multi-County Industrial/Business Park by and between Beaufort County, South Carolina and Jasper County, South Carolina, in order to expand the boundaries of the Park to include all those properties located in the industrial park known as "Beaufort Commerce Park" located in Beaufort County, South Carolina.

Approved on first reading test amendments to the Beaufort County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, Section 102, Waterways, Article II, County Landings, Docks and Fishing Ramps.

Adopted a resolution supporting a study for the creation of a tennis complex at Burton Wells Park.

Adopted a resolution supporting the inclusion of space for an Interpretative Center inn the Crystal Lake Reserve Master Plan and in the Northern Beaufort County Regional Plan.

Approved on first reading an ordinance to amend Ordinance 20056/14, thereby appropriating accumulated year-end fund balances generated by the expired Lady's Island Tax Increment Financing District (US Highway 21, Sea Island Parkway, Business Improvements Planning.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee Agreement by and between Beaufort County and [Project Panther], its affiliates and assigns, to provide for a fee in lieu of *ad valorem* taxes incentive, including the grant of certain infrastructure credits, the inclusion of the Company's property in a Multi-County Park, and other matters related thereto.

Held a public hearing and approved on second reading an ordinance to establish the regulations and requirements relating to smoking tobacco products in the County of Beaufort

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance finding that Hilton Head No. 1 Public Service District may issue not exceeding \$12,500,000 general obligation bonds and to provide for the publication of notice of the said finding and authorization. The funds will be used for the purpose of constructing a three-million gallon per day reverse osmosis water treatment plant to increase their ability to bring water to their customer base.

Appointed Mr. Paul Roth, representing resident of prospective area served, garnered the six votes required to serve as a member on the Southern Corridor Review Board.

Ms. Susie Fripp Gordon, representing Solid Waste District 5/Sheldon Township garnered the six votes required to serve as a member on the Solid Waste and Recycling Board.

Dr. David Uehling, representing Solid Waste District 6/Unincorporated Port Royal Island, garnered the six votes required to serve as a member on the Solid Waste Recycling Board.

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Authorized the acquisition of two-tenths of an acre from Ms. Leona Robinson and her brothers at a cost of \$30,000. This acquisition completes a 20-acre acquisition surrounding Crystal Lake on Lady's Island at a cost of \$30,000.

Authorized the acquisition of a conservation easement of 128 acres of upland mainland (102 acres), three islands totaling 26 acres, and an undetermined amount (estimated at 400 acres) of marshes located adjacent to the May River and Calibogue Sound from the Ulmer family. The acquisition cost is \$3,500,000 to be shared equally by the County and the Town of Hilton Head Island.

Authorized the acquisition of 2.2 acres next to the Bluffton Oyster Factory Park in Old Town Bluffton. The acquisition cost is \$1,500,000 to be shared equally by the County and the Town of Bluffton. Further, that the Town of Bluffton cooperate with the County to erect appropriate signage there acknowledging that it is a joint venture and the we pursue impact fees for the park activities as agreed to in the Southern Beaufort County Regional Plan.

Authorized the acquisition of 475 undeveloped acres at New Riverside at Palmetto Bluff. The County's contribution is \$1.1 million and the federal government's \$1.4 million. The purchase protects about 2 miles of shoreline on the New River. Federal funding comes from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association's Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program, established in 2002 to protect coastal and estuarine lands considered important for their ecological, conservation, recreational, historical or aesthetic values. The New Riverside property includes land for the Bluffton Linear Trail. The trail will be developed using a \$250,000 gift from the seller to the Trust for Public Land, the County's land-buying agent. The remaining land will be preserved for wildlife habitat and open space.